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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Kato, et al.

Serial No: 10/041,693

Examiner: Snow, Bruce Edward

Filed: January 7, 2002

Group Art No: 3738

For: WAIST ELASTIC SYSTEM
WITH IMPROVED ELASTIC DECAY
PROPERTIES FOR A TRAINING PANT

REPLY TO MARCH 4, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 4, 2005,¹ please consider the following remarks in the above-referenced patent application.

¹ Applicants note that June 4, 2005, the three-month date for responding to this Office Action, falls on a Saturday. Applicants are filing this Reply on Monday, June 6, 2005, which is the first business day following the noted due date. Accordingly, no extension of time fee is believed to be due. 37 CFR 1.7